

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully assert that the foregoing amendments are not being submitted for purpose of delay and do not involve new matter. In particular, as noted above, claim amendments are directed to claim 17 to properly depend from claim 15 (which first introduces "hardware number generator), not claim 13. Further, "hardware number" in claim 17 has been replaced with "hardware driven number" to maintain consistency in claim terminology. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite entry of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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